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REMARKS

Claims 17-35 have been canceled. New Claims 36-52 remain active in the case.

The present invention relates to a method of processing synthetic zeolites.

Claim Amendments

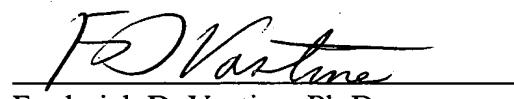
New Claim 36 is a new claim of broader scope than previously active Claim 17. In particular, step (b), the reagents for zeolite preparation step, of the new claim is supported by page 7, lines 6-13; page 8, line 15; page 13, lines 14-18 and page 20, lines 1-6 and original Claim 3, lines 1-5. Previously active Claim 17, now Claim 37, is dependent on Claim 36. The dependent claims are supported by the previously active dependent claims. New Claims 46 and 47 correspond to previously active Claims 26 and 27, although steps (a), (b) and (d) of new Claim 36 are incorporated in each of these claims. New Claims 51 and 52 are presented in the form of amended Claims 34 and 35 in the parent application. Further, the term "ligand" has been deleted in favor of the term "binder." Accordingly, entry of the new claims into the record is respectfully requested.

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It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for consideration on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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